

In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~cardioprotective~~ pharmaceutical preparation ~~composition~~ of claim ~~§ 14~~, wherein said weight ratio is 100:1 to 5:1.

14. (New) A pharmaceutical preparation for treating atrial arrhythmia in a mammal, said preparation comprising a combination of:

2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetyl]amino}methyl biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and ibutilide in a weight ratio of 10,000:1 to 1:1; or

or the physiologically tolerable salts thereof,

and a pharmaceutically innocuous solvent, wherein the preparation provides an hourly dose of 3 mg per kg of said 2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetyl]amino}methyl biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide when administered to said mammal.

15. (New) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 14 wherein the preparation provides an hourly dose of 0.12 mg per kg of said ibutilide when administered to said mammal.

16. (New) A pharmaceutical preparation for treating atrial arrhythmia in a mammal, said preparation comprising a combination of:

2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetyl]amino}methyl biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide and dofetilide in a weight ratio of 10,000:1 to 1:1; or

or the physiologically tolerable salts thereof,

and a pharmaceutically innocuous solvent, wherein the preparation provides an hourly dose of 3 mg per kg of said 2'-{[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetyl]amino}methyl biphenyl-2-carboxylic acid (2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amide when administered to said mammal.

17. (New) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 16 wherein the preparation provides an hourly dose of 0.12 mg per kg of said dofetilide when administered to said mammal.

18. (New) The pharmaceutical preparation of claim 16, wherein said weight ratio is 100:1 to 5:1.